

REMARKS

In the office action of May 23, 2003 relating to Patent Application Serial No. 10/198425 filed July 18, 2002, the Examiner found Claims 1 - 10 and 13 to be patentable. Claims 11 and 12 were withdrawn from consideration pursuant to a requirement for restriction. In accordance with the May 23 office action, Claims 11 and 12 were cancelled by way of Amendment to facilitate allowance of that application. That cancellation was made by Applicant's attorney for that reason only, without prejudice to file the present Divisional Patent Application relating to the subject matter of Claims 11 and 12.

In the office action of May 23, 2003 relating to Patent Application Serial No. 10/198425 filed July 18, 2002, the Examiner further pointed out that certain formal matters were in need of correction before a Notice of Allowance could be issued. Applicant's attorney noticed further formal matters that needed correction and had the telephonic interview with the Examiner on October 9, 2003. Agreement was reached for further amendments. Applicant presents this Preliminary Amendment in this Divisional Application to correct the same errors as appeared in Patent Application Serial No. 10/198425. Likewise, the Title Abstract of the Disclosure has been modified to reflect that the pending claims are now directed to a process.

Claim 1 has been amended to limit the scope to copolyether esters for component (A), as agreed in the interview with respect to Serial No. 10/198425. Support can be found in the specification at page 3, line 19. Applicant's attorney has taken the liberty to further amend Claim 1 to recite that the polyether esters have acid end-groups in order to provide an antecedent basis for limitation (E). This latter amendment was not discussed in the interview but support can be found at page 6, lines 16 and 17 of the specification.

The last formula on page 3 of the specification has been corrected. Support can be found in US Patent No. 4,981,908 col. 1, lines 55 - 58, which is incorporated by reference at page 4, lines 5 - 7 of the instant specification.

Claims 2 - 10 and 13 have been cancelled by the present Preliminary Amendment. Upon a finding that Claims 11 and 12 are patentable, Applicant agrees to cancel Claim 1 and to incorporate all the limitations thereof into Claims 11 and 12.

Respectfully submitted,

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